various Voluntary Health Agencies to the existing infrastructure in the DGHS; and

(c) whether Government are aware that majority of the Voluntary Organisations are hesitant to deal with archaic ways of DGHS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A National Workshop of Voluntary Organisations was held at New Delhi in January 1988 on the Role of Voluntary Organisations in Health Care Delivery. Further deliberations of this workshop continued through working groups set up under the Chairmanship of Additional Director General (Public Health). The working groups met twice and evolved provisional recommendations and suggested the setting up a penal. Government have accordingly decided to set up a Steering Committee.

Preparation of Drugs by Synthesis of Chiral Compounds

2195. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs prepared by synthesis of Chiral compounds will not contain unwanted molecules responsible for complication and side effects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the Ministry of Science & Technology and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Missing Beta Ray Eye Applicator from AIIMS, New Delhi

2196. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that highly radioactive source, strontium 90 beta ray eye applicator has been missing from Dr. R. P. Centre for Opthalmic Sciences at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi for over four years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter; if so, with what results; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre of Bombay have taken a serious view of this lapse and if so, what step are being taken to trace the source?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A Beta Ray Eye Applicator Strontium 90 (SR-90) was purchased by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi in June, 1959. It was supplied to erstwhile Department of Ophthalmology in March, 1960. In 1968, its clinical efficacy was found to be inadequate and was, therefore, sent to Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay for recaliberation. On scrutiny at the BARC, it was found that the emission was reduced from 50 to 42.72 rads/sec. and the distribution of the dose on the surface was not uniform. The Beta Ray Applicator however, was